REQUEST Application Number 09/225,486 **FOR** Confirmation Number 2417 NTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) Filing Date January 06, 1999 **TRANSMITTAL** First Named Inventor Mitsuhiro UCHIDA MAIL STOP RCE 2612 Group Art Unit Commissioner for Patents P.O: Box 1450 Examiner Name James M. Hannett Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Matter Number Q52871 Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995 IMAGE OUTPUTTING APPARATUS This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 Previously submitted Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 12, 2003 Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ii. 🗆 iii. 🗆 Other RECEIVED b. **☑** Enclosed i. 🗆 Amendment/Reply JAN 1 5 2004 ii. 🗆 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii.□ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) Technology Center 2600 iv. 🗹 Petition for Extension of Time v. 🗆 Other 2. MISCELLANEOUS Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a a. 🗆 period of _____ Months Other b. 🗆 3. FEES A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached. **CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS** Direct all correspondence to the address for SUGHRUE MION, PLLC filed under the Customer Number listed below: WASHINGTON OFFICE 01/14/2004 AWONDAF1 00000013 09225486

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